

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2735
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CENTRAL LOAN ASSISTANCE
BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Flood and Erosion Control Schemes taken up by States in their plan or under Central Loan Assistance can be converted into fully Central assistance schemes;
- (b) if so, whether Government of Assam have asked for conversion of such schemes into Central assistance schemes; and
- (c) if so, the number of such schemes requested for conversion into Centrally funded schemes during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM
PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) to (c): The Government of Assam requested the Planning Commission in November, 1991 for treating the Central Loan Assistance for flood control works in Brahmaputra Valley in Assam as 90% grant and 10% loan, on the pattern of Central Plan Assistance to special category States. The Ministry of Finance informed that it would not be possible to accede the request of the State Government as such facility has been extended only for block grants and loans for State Plans for special category States and not for any specific Central Plans Schemes. Again, in April, 1998 the Government of Assam had requested to convert central loan assistance into 100% central grant. The State Government was advised to pursue the matter with the Ministry of Finance.